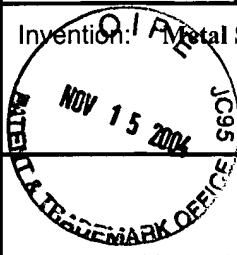

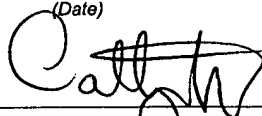
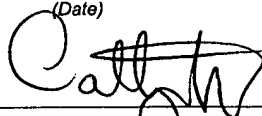
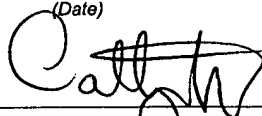


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In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2004, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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